

Amendment and Response

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The body path member 14 includes a trailing end 40, a central portion 42 and a leading end 44. The central portion 42 further defines a back swing section 46 and a follow through section 48. As with arm path member 12, the body path member 14 is preferably integrally formed, with the central portion 42 terminating in the trailing end 40 and the leading end 44. Unlike the arm path member 12, however, the central portion 42 of the body path member 14 is preferably arcuate in form. Thus, the back swing section 46 and the follow through section 48 combine to define a substantially continuous curve. This curved configuration is be illustrated with reference to an outer edge 50 of the central portion 42 and provides a visual indication of proper horizontal body rotation or movement during a golf swing. To provide further visual assistance in this regard, the leading end 44 of the body path member 14 preferably forms an arrowhead, whereas the trailing end 40 is preferably linear or straight. By providing an arrowhead for the leading end 44, the body path member 14 visually guides the golfer to perform a complete follow through motion in which the golfer's body continues to rotate throughout the swing. As a further benefit, the body path member 14 visually represents to the user an incorrect swing path. In particular, and as previously described, a common golf swing flaw is a failure to bring the club straight back during initial stages of the back stroke. In fact, an all too common problem is that a golfer will bring the club back in a curved fashion (i.e., swinging inside horizontally around the hips or ankles). The curved nature of the body path member 14 provides a direct visual indication of this incorrect swing format to the user.